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SUNIL KUMAR MEHTA AND MEHTA INVESTMENTS LTD., 'Appellants,

v.

MOHAMMED AHMED, *Appellee*.

On Appeal from the 295th Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas No. 2017-84654

UNOPPOSED FIRST MOTION TO EXTEND TIME TO FILE APPELLANTS' REPLY BRIEF

TO THE HONORABLE COURT OF APPEALS:

Pursuant to Tex. R. App. P. 10.5(b) and 53.7(f), Appellants, Sunil Kumar Mehta and Mehta Investments Ltd., respectfully requests additional time to file their reply brief in this case. This motion is unopposed.

GROUNDS

- 1. Appellants are Sunil Kumar Mehta and Mehta Investments Ltd.
- 2. The trial court signed its final judgment on May 12, 2020.

- 3. The case number and style of the case in the trial court is No. 2017-84654; Mohammed Ahmed v. Sunil Kumar Mehta and Mehta Investments, Ltd.; in the 294th Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas.
 - 4. The Appellants' Reply Brief is currently due on Monday, July 19, 2021.
- 5. Appellants seek a 14-day extension of time, through the end of Monday, August 2, 2021 to file their brief.
- 6. This is appellants' first request for an extension of time to file their brief, and they anticipate no further requests.
 - 7. Appellee is unopposed to this request.
- 8. Appellants request this extension for three reasons. First, their lead counsel is still recovering from major surgery, which affects the number of hours per day he is able to work. Second, the same counsel is involved in an accelerated appeal involving the City of Houston, which overlaps with the deadlines in the present case. And third, summer vacation schedules and July 4 holidays affect work schedules of attorneys and staff.
- 9. This motion is not filed for the purpose of delay, but to allow counsel adequate time to properly prepare the reply brief, so it can fully assist the Court.

PRAYER

For these reasons, Appellants request an extension of time through August 2, 2021 to file their reply brief and all other relief to which they are entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE

On July 2, 2021 I had an email exchange with the appellee's counsel Philip Morgan. He kindly consented to this motion.

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